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CERTIFICATE.

I certify that at the Annual Meeting of the Most Worshipful the Grand Orange Lodge of British America, held in the City of Ottawa, on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th days of July, 1879, the Rituals contained in this book were adopted as the only Rituals to be used in connection with all the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful the Grand Orange Lodge of British America.

THOMAS KEYES,

Grand Secretary.

Ottawa, July 24th, 1879.

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ORANGE ORDER.

No business connected with the affairs of the Institution shall be transacted except in open Lodge, guarded by a Tyler; and with not less than a quorum.

The Outside Tyler's post shall be outside the Lodge-room door; and he shall, before taking his post, undergo examination by the Master to see if he is qualified to receive, as well as to reject applicants for admission.

In opening and closing the Lodge the Brethren shall place their hands in the proper position.

After the Lodge is opened, no person shall be admitted without giving the Annual to the Outside Tyler, and the further Pass to the Inside Tyler, except by special permission of the Master.

The Officers and Brethren being assembled, and having taken their seats, and the Tylers at their posts, the Test (divisions of the Annual Pass Word) shall be put to them by the Secretary on the right, and the Treasurer on the left hand, or by two of the Brethren appointed by the Master. Having tested the Brethren, they shall report to the Deputy Master, who shall rise and say if all have given the Annual:

Deputy Master.—Worshipful Master all present are true members of the Order.

If any Brother be present who has not the Annual, the Deputy Master shall add: "Except Bro.——." When the Master shall say:

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—" Who will vouch for Bro.———, that he is in good standing in the Order?"

Having been vouched for, he may be permitted to remain; if not, he will retire.

INSTRUCTION TO TYLERS.

After testing the Tylers, the Master shall say:

MEANING OF RAPS OF THE GAVEL.

THREE RAPS,-Brethren will rise,

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1.-Reading a portion of Scripture.

OPENING PRAYER.

2.—Almighty God and Heavenly Father, who of Thy gracious providence and tender mercy towards us. didst wonderfully conduct Thy servant, King William, and bring him safely through many difficulties, to preserve us from the attempts of our enemies to bereave us of our Religion and Laws, we humbly praise and magnify Thy most glorious name for Thy unspeakable goodness towards us, expressed in this act of Thy Mercy. Be thou still our Mighty Protector, and scatter our enemies that delight in blood; infatuate and defeat their counsels, abate their pride, assuage their malice, and confound their devices. Strengthen the hands of our present gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria, and all that are put in authority under Her, with judgment and justice to cut off all such workers of iniquity as turn religion into rebellion and faith into faction; that they may never prevail against us or triumph in the ruin of Thy Church amongst us; but that our gracious Sovereign, and Her realms, being preserved in Thy true religion, and by Thy merciful goodness protected in the same, we may all duly serve Thee and give Thee thanks in Thy holy congregation, through Jesus Christ our Lord .- Amen.

Our Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.—Amen.

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The Master shall then say:

I now declare this Loyal Orange Lodge, No. ——— open in due form, strictly prohibiting any language or conduct that may tend to disturb the harmony of the Brethren.

- 3.—Lecture to be repeated.
- 4.—Minutes of former meeting to be read.
- 5.—Applications for membership.
- 6.—Reports on Candidates.
- 7.—Ballotting for Candidates.
- 8.—Candidates to be initiated.
- 9.—Reports of Committees.
- 10.—General business connected with the principles, honor and prosperity of the Association to be discussed.
- 11.—Roll called and dues collected.
- 12.—Lecture repeated.
- 13.—Lodge closed with prayer.

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RITUAL OF INTRODUCTION.

The Applicant being at the door of the Lodge, and his attendance being announced by the Tyler, the Master shall ask:

Master,—Is it your pleasure that Mr. E. F. be now admitted into this Lodge?

The Applicant shall be introduced between two Brethren, who shall precede him, bearing wands. The other Brethren shall stand on his entering the room; the Secretary shall say:

Secretary.—Worshipful Master, introduced by our trusty and well-beloved Brethren, A. B. and C. D., Mr. E. F. is now present before you and the members of this Lodge, seeking admission into the Orange Association.

Master.—Friend, is it of your own free will that you seek admission into the Orange Association?

The Candidate, with his Sponsors standing near the chair of the Deputy Master, shall answer:

Candidate.—It is.

Master or Chaplain.—Brethren, it is written: "In everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God." Let us pray. "Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name. And, finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen.

"Our Father which art in Heaven," etc.

To be repeated by all the members.

The Master, then addressing the Sponsors, shall say:

Master.—Do you, Brethren, answer for this friend, that he is of good report, a true and faithful Protestant, and a loyal subject of the Queen?

The Sponsors, respectfully bowing to the Master, shall say:

Sponsors.—We do.

es, honor ussed. The Master shall further address the Sponsors, and say:

Master.—Brethren, have you duly considered the responsibility you have undertaken to the Orange Association, and to this Lodge in particular, in thus becoming securities to us for this friend?

Sponsors.—We have.

Master.—And have you taken care, therefore, to inform him of the duties required of all true Orangemen, as fully set forth in the Rules and Regulations of the Orange Association?

Sponsors—We have taken care so to do.

The Master shall then proceed solemnly to examine the Candidate as follows:

Master.—Friend, assured by these right trusty and well-beloved Brethren that you have been fully informed of the duties required of all true Orangemen; and being assured further by the same highly-esteemed Brethren that you are of good report, a true and faithful Protestant, and a loyal subject, I now desire, for the further satisfaction of myself and the Brethren present, to receive from your own lips distinct answers to the following enquiries:

Master.—Do you promise to support the Protestant Religion, and earnestly endeavour to propagate its doctrines and precepts; will you endeavour yourself, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to walk in public and in private consistently with this profession; and will you, to the utmost of your power, make your public and private acts harmonize with the principles of the Orange Association?

Candidate.—I do promise, and with God's assistance will endeavour to do so.

Master.—And do you further promise to resist, by all lawful means, the ascendancy, extension, and encroachments of the Church of Rome, at the same time being careful always to abstain from all unkind words and actions towards its members?

Candidate.—I do promise, the Lord helping me.

Master or Chaplain.—"In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the Commandments of men."—Mark, vii., 7. "But continue thou in the things which thou hast

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been assured of, knowing that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."—2 Tim., iii., 14-15. "In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves."—2 Tim., ii., 25. "Let all your things be done with charity."—1 Cor., xvi., 14.

Then the Deputy Master shall place in the hands of the candidate a copy of the Holy Scriptures, saying:

Deputy Master.—We place in your hands a copy of the Word of God.

Master or Chaplain.—"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."—2 Tim., iii., 16-17. "Search the Scriptures."—John, v., 39. "These things are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name."—John, xx., 31.

The Master shall then address the candidate as follows:

Master.-Bear always in mind, therefore, that a true Orangeman should honour and diligently read the Holy Scriptures, and make them the sole rule of his faith and practice; that, consequently, he should have a sincere-love and veneration for his Heavenly Father; an humble and steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, the Saviour of mankind, the only Mediator between God and man; and also that he should possess a firm reliance in the guiding, witnessing, and sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit. Let me further exhort you ever to bear in mind that a true Orangeman should reverently observe the Lord's Day, attend the public worship of God, and carefully train up his offspring and all under his control in the fear of God, and in the Protestant faith; that he should not take the name of God in vain, but abstaining himself from all cursing and swearing and profane language, and use every opportunity of discouraging those and all other sinful practices in others. His conduct should be marked by prudence, honesty, temperance, and sobriety. He should cultivate truth and justice, devotion and piety, kindness and charity, concord and unity, and obedience to the laws. In a word, the glory of God, the welfare of man, the honour of his sovereign, and good of his country, should be the motives of his actions.

Deputy Master.—We now place in your hands the Book of our Rules and Regulations.

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Master.—Have you read these Rules and Regulations, or heard them read to you?

Candidate.—I have.

Master.—We trust you will study them well and obey them in all lawful matters. And now, having confidence, from the assurances given to us, that you will well and truly discharge the several duties therein enjoined, God being your helper, we gladly receive you into our Association. Brethren, bring forward your friend.

The candidate shall then be brought in front of the Master. The Master or Chaplain shall read as follows:

Master or Chaplain.—"Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore, take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand in the evil day.—Eph., vi., 10-13.

The Worshipful Master shall then administer the σ bligation, the candidate kneeling.

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OBLIGATION.

I, A. B., solemnly and voluntarily promise that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria and to her lawful heirs and successors in the sovereignty of Great Britain and Ireland, and this Dominion and the Province of Newfoundland, so long as she or they shall support and maintain the Protestant Religion. That I will, to the utmost of my power, defend them against all traitorous conspiracies and attempts which I shall know to be against her or any of them. That I will steadily maintain the connection between this Dominion, the Province of Newfoundland, and the Mother Country, and be ever ready to resist all attempts to weaken British influence or dismember the British Empire. That I will be true and faithful to every brother Orangeman in all just actions, neither wronging him nor knowing him to be wronged or injured without giving him due notice thereof, and preventing it if in my power. I do further promise that I will not unlawfully have any carnal knowledge of a brother's wife, sister, daughter, or mother, knowing her to be such. That I will ever hold sacred the name of our glorious deliverer, King William the III., Prince of Orange, in grateful remembrance of whom I promise [if in my power] to celebrate his victory over James at the Boyne, in Ireland, by assembling with my brethren in their Lodge Room on the Twelfth day of July in every year. That I am not nor ever will be a Roman Catholic or Papist; nor am I married to nor will I ever marry a Roman Catholic or Papist, nor educate, nor suffer my children to be educated in the Roman Catholic faith. That I am not a suspended or expelled member of the Orange Association. I further declare that I will do my utmost to support and maintain the Loyal Orange Association, obey all regular summonses, and pay all just dues [if in my power]. That I will use all my influence to promote fellowship and brotherly love amongst my brethren, and observe and obey the Constitution and Laws of the Order. And lastly, that I will always conceal and never in anyway whatsoever disclose or reveal the whole or any part of the signs, words or tokens that are now about to be privately communicated to me, unless I shall be authorized to do so by the proper authorities of the Orange Association, of which I am now about to become a member. So help me God and keep me steadfast in this my Orangeman's Obligation.

The Master or Chaplain shall then read the following portions of Scripture:

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the Sons of God; therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the Sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself even as He is pure. Whosoever committeth sin, transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil; whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Marvel not, my Brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the Brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the Brethren. But whose hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother hath need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. this is His commandment, That we shall believe on the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us commandment.—(1 John, c. iii., v. 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23.)

The Master shall here give two raps of the gavel, when all the Brethren shall kneel, the Master or Chaplain continuing:

Almighty God, Judge of all men, to whom all hearts be open, and from whom no secrets are hid; look down, we beseech Thee, upon us, who are now assembled beneath Thy All-seeing eye; Thou hatest the deceitful heart; to Thee the false tongue is an abomination. Strengthen us, then, we implore Thee, that we may ever avoid falsehood, and cleave to that which is true. Dispose us to brotherly love and

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Christian charity, to be true and faithful to our Brethren in all just actions; and as we do now receive this dear friend into our Benevolent and Loyal Association, may we be admitted into Thy Heavenly Kingdom. In Thy name, and looking to Thy Providence to direct us to what is right, we do now receive this Thy servant to a Membership in our Society, trusting that Thou wilt so guide and govern his heart and actions, that he may long continue an ornament to our Association, and a firm and steadfast supporter of Thy Church and People.—Amen.

The Master shall then invest the Brother with the decoration of the Order (an Orange scarf), saying:

We invest thee with this Badge of our Order, and receive thee, dear Brother, into the Religious and Loyal Association of Orangemen, trusting that thou wilt abide a devoted servant of God, and a true believer in His Son Jesus Christ, a faithful subject of our Queen, and supporter of our Constitution. Keep thou firm in the Protestant faith, holding steadfastly its pure doctrines and observing its ordinances. Make thyself the friend of all pious and peaceable men, avoiding strife and seeking peace and ensuing it, slow to take offence and offering none: thereby, so far as in thee lieth, giving no occasion to the enemy to blaspheme; and ever remembering that thou dost stand pledged henceforth before God, the Brethren present, and the Association at large, on all occasions, and under any circumstances, to uphold the principles thou hast now professed, and to fulfil the solemn promises thou hast made, even to thy own hindrance, disadvantage, and loss, unto thy life's end.

Here the Master shall raise the newly-admitted Brother, and, holding him by the right hand, shall continue:

In the name of the Brotherhood I bid you welcome, and I pray that you may long continue among them, a worthy Orangeman, fearing God, loving the Brotherhood, honouring the Queen, and maintaining the law.

The Signs and Passwords of the Order shall here be communicated to the new Brother, after which the Master shall deliver the following Charge:

BROTHER (or BRETHREN, as the case may be):

The Mysteries and Secrets connected with the Orange Institution have now been communicated to you, and if you will only conform to the Obligation you have freely and

voluntarily taken, we shall have cause to rejoice in this your initiation; but should you fail to observe them, then will our sorrow be great; first, on account of your fall; and secondly, on account of the injury that will thereby be done to our Institution.

I entreat you to let your Obligation be your guide. Should the perpetration of crime ever enter your mind, reflect upon what you have now promised, and let it be a check to any and every evil thought that human wickedness may suggest.

I have now further to admonish you against the snares that may be laid for you by your enemies, and to impress upon your mind the great value of caution-so that you will weigh well every word you may use in connexion with the Order. I further admonish you to be ever watchful when the Order is at work, so that you may gain wisdom by listening to the advice and opinions of your seniors; and when you have heard, you will be wise to reflect, and speak not; but treasure up the lessons in your heart, to the end that you may prove your great faith. There are two cardinal virtues which bind the Brotherhood of our Order; they are Union and Truth. By the honorable exercise of the latter, in your intercourse with the world, and especially with the Brotherhood, you will find that the former is to be, and will be, maintained. Regard them, then, as the apple of your eye, only to be parted with in death.

I trust that what I have said to you in the name of the Lodge will have its due weight; and now allow me to introduce you to those, whom, hereafter, you are to regard as Brethren.

My Brethren, receive this Brother to your friendship and love.

The Brother shall then make obeisance to the Master, be welcomed individually by the Brethren—and all present take their scats.

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CLOSING PRAYER.

The Brethren all standing.

O God, whose name is excellent in all the earth, and Thy glory above the heavens; who hast so often miraculously preserved Thy Church and People from the secret contrivance and open violence of numerous conspirators; we bless and adore Thy gracious Majesty for Thy marvellous loving-kindness to our Church and Nation, in the preservation of our Religion and Liberties. And we humbly crave that the devout sense of Thy repeated mercies may renew and increase in us a spirit of steady allegiance to our present gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and a spirit of fervent zeal for our Holy Religion, which Thou hast so wonderfully rescued and continued, a blessing to us and to our posterity; all of which we humbly beg, for the sake of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you all.—Amen.

The Master shall then say:

MASTER.—I now declare this Loyal Orange Lodge, No.—duly closed until the next regular meeting, except in case of emergency, of which all Brethren shall have due notice.

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

After the Election of Officers, which shall take place under the head of General Business, the Past Master, or Installing Officer, shall proceed to install the Master (or Deputy Master elect, if the former be absent), who shall then install the other Officers. Turning to the Secretary, the Installing Officer shall ask:

Past Master.—Brother Secretary, upon whom has the choice of this Worshipful Lodge fallen to be Master for the current year?

Brother Secretary.—Having every confidence in Brother——, and having had frequent proof of his ability and desire to advance the cause of our glorious Institution, we have selected him for our Master, and now require his installation. I present to you Brother———.

Past Master. —Let us pray. (All kneel.)

O Great Master and Creator of the world, Disposer of life and death, we entreat Thee look down upon us with mercy, and bless our undertaking. We humbly crave, that thou wilt at all times give us wisdom to govern our own actions, and judgment to guide the actions of those under our care; endue us with a desire to conduct all our undertakings in peace and brotherly love. Permit the Master of this Lodge to enjoy Thy grace, and give him the light of wisdom, so that he may impart it to those whose conduct he is called upon to scrutinize. May Faith, Hope, and Charity; Justice Temperance, Prudence, and Fortitude ever be his guide and the guide of us all, for Christ's sake.

Lodge.—Amen.

Past Master.—Brother ————, before you enter upon the duties of Office, let me ask you if you are prepared to act under the Rules and Regulations of the Worshipful the Grand Lodg auth

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Lodge, and under any order that may be issued by its authority.

MASTER ELECT.—I am.

PAST MASTER.—By this consent you take upon yourself various duties; not only will you be required to perform them yourself, which, from the fact of your being chosen to the station you are to occupy, is proof you will, but you assume the office of Guardian and Adviser to the members of your Lodge. You will rebuke them for a violation of any portion of their Obligation, as a superior Brother should rebuke an inferior. You are required to inform them that it is their duty to live peaceably with and act honorably towards all men, and especially towards a Brother; that they are bound strictly to guard against all unworthy excesses, whether of intemperance or otherwise; to rebuke and admonish them who profane the name of the Lord, or who are guilty of cursing or swearing. You will teach them to denounce an impostor, and to cherish the faithful amongst the Brethren.

Do you acknowledge these obligations to be your duty?

MASTER ELECT.—I do.

PAST MASTER.—Will you endeavour, with the help of God, to discharge them?

MASTER ELECT.—I will.

Then administer the Obligation (Members all standing.)

OBLIGATION OF A MASTER.

I, A. B., do solemnly promise, That I do not undertake the office of Master for any private or personal emolument or advantage; that I will use the authority with which I am invested as Master, to keep proper behaviour and good order in the Lodge over which I am to preside, and to cause a due observance of the Rules and Regulations of the Association by all the members of my Lodge; and lastly, I promise that I will not sign and deliver, or cause to be delivered, a certificate to any Brother without first having been authorized to do so by a vote of my Lodge.

The newly-elected Master shall then take his seat, and administer the Obligation to the other Officers, saying to each:

Master.—You have heard the duties which I have assumed for the sake of this Lodge. The like duties must you

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assume before you can be duly installed. Do you consent, as I have done, that these virtues and obligations shall be your guide?

Answer .- I do.

OBLIGATION OF A DEPUTY MASTER.

I, A. B., do solemnly promise, That I do not undertake the office of Deputy Master for any private or personal emolument or advantage; that I will use the authority with which I am invested as Deputy Master, to keep proper behaviour and good order in the Lodge over which I am to preside, to cause a due observance of the Rules and Regulations of the Association by all the members of my Lodge; and lastly, I promise that I will not sign a certificate for any Brother without first being authorized to do so by a vote of my Lodge.

OBLIGATION OF A TREASURER.

I, A. B., do solemnly promise, That I will faithfully preserve all the moneys or other property that I may receive for the use of my Lodge, and that I will fairly account for and pay over the same when requested so to do by the Master and Officers of the Lodge.

OBLIGATION OF A SECRETARY.

I, A. B., do solemnly promise, That 1 will faithfully preserve the papers and all other documents of the Lodge that may be committed to my charge; that I will not myself sign or seal or lend the Lodge Seal so that it may be affixed to any forged paper; nor will I sign or seal any brother's certificate without having been authorized so to do by a vote of my Lodge; and lastly, that I will deliver up all the property of the Lodge when requested by the Master and the other Officers so to do.

OBLIGATION OF A COMMITTEEMAN.

I, A. B., do solemnly promise, That I will exercise the privileges, functions and duties of a Committeeman faithfully, conscientiously and impartially; that I will use whatever

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The Committee may be all Obligated together.

Master or Chaplain.—Father of Mercies, look down upon us with grace, and unite us still closer in the bond of union, by which we are united as one family; give us wisdom to know Thy ways, and a heart to love one another; for our Saviour's sake.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."—Psalm cxxxiii.



REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

GRAND LODGE ROOM, Ottawa, July 22nd, 1879.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Orange Lodge of British America:

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge to revise the Ritual of the Orange Degree, beg leave to report, that having carefully examined the Irish and Canadian Rituals, submit the foregoing as the Ritual of the Orange Degree of the Loyal Orange Association of British America.

Your Committee recommend that this revised Orange Ritual be printed on good paper; and, together with the Purple, Blue and Royal Arch Purple Rituals, and Book of Forms of Burial Service, be bound in one volume, with good binding, and that two copies be supplied to each Private, District, County and Provincial Grand Lodge in British America.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

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